Dry Ice Extinguishes Silo Fire After Experts Give Up

STANLEY, KANS.—It took a little time, but Robert E. Lester discovered how to put out the fire in his silo. He used dry ice.

Don Shippy, a tenant on Lester's farm, saw smoke coming from a silo holding 60 tons of silage. He telephoned Lester in Kansas City, 30 miles away.

Lester in turn sought advice from a county agent, the Kansas City Fire department and the Kansas State college on how to snuff out the slow fire without spoiling the silage. All professed inexperience in fighting fires in silos.

Lester finally called a chemical company. The company loaded 40 cakes of dry ice, each weighing 50 pounds, and rushed them to the silo. The ice was dropped in from the top. The fire went out.

The chemical firm said there would be no charge for the ice. Glad to know it would do the job, a company official said.

Miner's Wife Finds Huge Sapphire at Picnic

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA. — A blue sapphire, claimed to be the largest in the world, has been found near Emerald, Central Queensland, by Mrs. Roy McKinney, a miner's wife.

The sapphire weighs 1,958 carats and is as big as a coffee cup, experts said.

Mrs. McKinney was picnicking with friends when she found the stone on the surface about 300 yards from where the now famous Black Star sapphire was found. The Black Star weighed 1,156 carats and was sold in New York for $300,000.

Mrs. McKinney sold the stone to the manager of a near-by cairn for an undisclosed amount.

Carp and the Chinese

Carp have been raised in China for more than 2,000 years, much as other domesticated animals are raised for food, and occupy an important place in the economy of the country. Not only have carp left their impression on the eating habits of the Chinese and Japanese nations, but over the years have assumed a leading role in the art of those countries. The carp has become predominant in the art consciousness of the oriental painter to such an extent that in their stylized prints and oils, any representation of a fish is almost certain to be a carp. The fanciful paper kites and floats that play a major part in the exotic motif of oriental celebrations and parades are also likely to be carp.

Beef Cattle Reported Liking Citrus Molasses

Beef cattle really go for citrus molasses.

Cattle having access to this feed not only have shown no hesitation about lapping it up from troughs, but have seemed to prefer it.

Cattlemen feeding the molasses are using a combination of trough and drum molasses for making the material available to their animals. The trough used is 30 inches wide and about 12 feet long.

Guam's Dietary Standards Raised by Modern Bakery

Eight thousand American residents of the tiny Pacific outpost of Guam are getting fresh enriched bread daily, plus a wide assortment of pastries, thanks to the production know-how of the American baking industry and the resourcefulness of a technician who built a modern bakery using miscellaneous equipment which weathered the Japanese invasion.

The technician is Arthur R. DeLong, well-known American bakery official, who was drafted by the government to help restore Guam's dietary standards to a pre-war level.

DeLong scoured through shoulder-high vegetation last spring to salvage bakery equipment still resting where it had been placed preparatory to the invasion of Japan in 1945. To this he added machinery originally employed in Guam's pre-war bakery, still complete except for certain gear levers. These, he believes, the beleaguered marines used for clubbing Japs when Guam was invaded.

Now operating at full capacity, DeLong's bakery produces each day 1,300 two-pound loaves of enriched bread, 1,000 pies, and a wide assortment of cakes and small pastries.

Don't Shake Paint

Shaking of paint, varnish and lacquer products, especially varnishes and enamels, is likely to result in minute air bubbles which may cause pin prick blisters on the finished job. Such products should be carefully and thoroughly stirred before use and then "boxed" by pouring two or three times from one container to another. Finally, straining the finish through an old silk stocking or fine cloth will remove any specks or lumps which may have been missed in the stirring, if the user desires maximum assurance of a perfect finish. This procedure is especially advised when a finish has been previously opened and left standing, with possible development of a skin.

New Animal Repellent Will Lessen Free Meals

Animal wildlife will find free lunches fewer and farther between next year. A new product developed by the B. F. Goodrich chemical company and tested by the state of Maine fish and game department at its Swan Island wildlife refuge, may be just what farmers have been seeking.

At Swan Island, the new material has been sprayed on leafy crops by biologists who observe that it will not wash off and that a deer, after nipping at the treated leaves, will turn up his nose at future free meals. Certain types of insects also are discouraged by the action of the repellent, researchers revealed.

Crop damage by raiding wild deer runs in excess of $150,000 annually in some districts of Maine and amounts to millions nationally. The search for satisfactory repellents has been a major project.

Program for Winter Driving

Although traffic is relatively light during winter months, compensation must be made for decreased visibility and icy road conditions. To offset these hazards the following program is suggested: (1) Early starts to insure completion of trips before dusk and to minimize the temptation to drive at speeds too high for winter road conditions, (2) Moderate speeds at all times and sharp reductions of speeds at intersections, to compensate for the poorer tractions and visibility for both pedestrians and cars. (3) A generous extra margin of safety in passing or following cars. (4) Make sure car is adequately ventilated, as a defense against drowsiness behind the wheel and the hazard of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Colored Dots

Mrs. Annie Bass, of Lynchburg, and her sister, Mrs. Mable Cain and son, of Chicago, Ill., spent the day recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Watson.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing and Rev. and Mrs. V. R. Jordan were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Watson.

Miss Thelma Daniel made her first broadcast over WRNL, Richmond, December 17, as a singer.

Impressive services were held at Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor preached from the subject, "Pressing Toward the Goal." Following the morning services the Lord's Supper was served. The pastor was assisted in the service by the Reverends N. R. Jordan and C. A. Marshall.

A large crowd attended the funeral services of Mrs. Vassie Brown conducted from the Mount Shiloh Baptist last Tuesday. Mrs. Theda Harris read the resolutions and the obituary. The pastor of the church officiated.

The Young Men's Business Club of Appomattox presented its annual New Year's Eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith last Friday evening.

The public is invited to worship with the First Baptist Church this Sunday at the regular hour.

Miss Jaquetta Patterson, of Virginia State College spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs Vain Patterson.

Miss Elizabeth Watkins, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Miss Ardelle Watkins and Hobert Watkins, of Virginia State College, spent the holiday with their father, D. E. T. Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin of Lynchburg spent New Year's night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johnson

Miss Margaret Rosetta Cheatham and William Younger, of Rustburg were married Monday, December 27 at the home of Rev. R. Q. Lawing, the officiating minister.

The Daniel sisters of Chapel spent part of the holiday in Bluefield, W. Va.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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LITTLE REGGIE
I PURCHASED THIS DIAMOND RING
OH DEAR!
I PLACED THEM ON THE COFFEE TABLE FOR A BRIEF MOMENT....
OOOOH MY BEAUTIFUL TEETH-- WHERE ARE THEY?

By Arthur Pointer

JITTER
WHAT'S HE CRYIN' ABOUT?
I GUESS HE WANTED AN OWL TOO
GIVE ME A DOLLAR'S WORTH OF PENNIES AND A CAMP STOOL!
ANOTHER YELLOW EH... WELL, LET'S TRY AGAIN...
BEDONE WE GO AGAIN!

By Bud Fisher

MUTT AND JEFF
WHEN? PACKED LIKE SARDINES!
BOY, WHATTA SUBWAY RUSH!
MUTT! MY WALLET! IT'S GONE!
WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?
I DUNNO! I GUESS SOMEBODY IN THE SUBWAY TOOK IT OUT OF MY POCKET BY MISTAKE!
MISTAKE? YOU BOOB! DID YOU FEEL A HAND IN YOUR POCKET?
YEH, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS MINE!

Lespedeza Plantings Urged To Feed Quail in Winter

Shrubby lespedeza plantings on land that might otherwise produce little or nothing can give a great boost to quail hunting for sport—and for game that can be kept long on fence-row feed. The soil conservation service recommends these shrubby lespedezas strongly for soil conservation and to feed quail. They are leguines, and after the first year supply their own nitrogen on infertile soils. For the South, the SCS particularly recommends lespedeza bicolor; farther north other hardier lespedezas will do better.

Lespedeza seed is about all that quail need to carry them through the season of short food in the winter. Most other birds do not relish the seed and leave most of it for the quail. The SCS suggests planting it in fence rows on the land that is not plowed, in thin spots and clearings in woodland, or at the edges of woodlots. It will yield far more quail feed than the weeds it will displace. A strip with an area of an eighth of an acre will supply a covey of quail and hold them through the winter. Eight strips of this size are better than a patch of an acre. As a hedge along a cultivated field the bicolor lespedeza has a season of beautiful bloom in summer, and bees find it a good source of honey. A fence row around a pasture will not feed quail because horses and cattle like it and will browse on it.

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Home Repair Kit

A suggested simple kit for home repairs includes: Small cans of paint, varnish, enamel and shellac, selected for matching purposes. Turpentine. A three-inch paint brush for small work. Caulking compound. Patching plaster. Furnace cement. Portland cement. Plastic wood. Glue or other suitable adhesive. Shellac in stick form for filling small cracks. Putty. Putty knife. Razor blade and holder. Sandpaper "O" and "OO." Steel wool. Wall cleaner. Metal polish. Art gum. Screwdrivers, large and small. Hammer and wrench. Many more items can be added, but those listed will be particularly useful.

Hormones for Roosters

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This would not be a practical way of removing commercial dusts, such as those put out by smelters and cement works, which may be a considerable economic waste and health hazard.

These aerosols may be removed rapidly and completely by means of a high voltage electric discharge, which charges the individual particles and draws them over to one of the electrodes where they are deposited. Such an arrangement, known as the Cottrell precipitator, will deposit tons of material in the course of a day.

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Farm Topics

Ringold Lady Dora Tops Hampshire Sows

Raises Total of 71 Pigs to Weaning Age

First of her Hampshire breed to become a "seven-star" sow, Ringold Lady Dora No. 753,056 has raised a total of 71 pigs to weaning age, an average of 10.1 pigs per litter. This record is more impressive when compared with national averages. According to U. S. department of agriculture reports, the national average is 6.16 spring pigs and 6.39 fall pigs per litter raised to weaning age.

Here, with her seventh "star" family, is Ringold Lady Dora No. 753,056, champion production sow in the Hampshire breed and the first of her kind to qualify as a "seven-star" sow.

To qualify for a star in the Hampshire production registry a sow must raise a litter of at least eight pigs, without fault or defect, to weigh 220 pounds within 56 days of farrowing. And of course to gain a "seven-star" record Ringold Lady Dora has repeated this performance seven times. She is the first sow in the Hampshire breed to be listed for either the sixth or seventh "star" litters.

In her seventh "star" litter, this sow farrowed 15 pigs, nine of which were saved. The eight selected for registration weighed 443 pounds at 56 days after farrowing.

The production champion was fed a ration containing corn, oats, alfalfa and pelletized milk by products prior to farrowing. Her pigs were creep fed early and raised on a ration of seven parts corn and three parts oats, with 8 per cent milk by-products added.

Ringold Lady has been owned and bred by William C. Goodheart, Jr., of Eaton, Ohio, since 1944, and was sold to Meadowlark Farms, Inc., Sullivan, Ind.

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Baby Gets Coat of Green Paint

CHICAGO.—Police said that two small children admitted taking a five-months-old baby from his carriage and daubing him with green paint because they wanted "to play house."

The children, a seven-year-old girl and her five-year-old brother, left the baby, Cary Herzberg, in a cardboard box in a weed patch.

The infant was found there with his sweater and legs daubed with green paint. Painters nearby said a can of green paint they had left on the ground had been tampered with.

Farmer, 76, Makes Parachute Jump 'to Show Youngsters'

FOSSTON, MINN. — Walter Morgan, 76, a farmer who made a perfect parachute jump just "to show the youngsters what an old man can do," said he plans to do "more of the same."

"They'll have a tough time keeping me on the ground from now on," said Morgan.

The farmer planned the jump for more than a year, but was thwarted when pilots refused to take him up.

"I'd tried about everything else," he said. "It was the one thing left that I hadn't done."

Finally Paul Bjork, Minneapolis, agreed to take him up.

About 2,000 persons watched as Bjork and Morgan circled over Fosston at about 1,000 feet.

"I just sort of rolled out of the plane," said Morgan. "I didn't pull the rip cord right away because it felt so pleasant falling through the air."

Half way down he pulled the cord, the parachute blossomed out and he came down to what airmen testified was a perfect landing. His only injury was a slight cut behind one ear.

Bjork said Morgan was "cool as a cucumber."

"He even held the rip cord handle all the way down," Bjork said. "The darned thing costs $6 and even some of the old hands throw it away after they've pulled."

Morgan had an explanation for his fine performance on his first parachute jump.

"That's what an old man can do if he leaves liquor alone," he said.

Doctor Plugs Wound With Finger; Knife Victim Lives

CLEVELAND—A youth who was stabbed in the heart with a pocket knife was kept alive by a doctor who used his finger to "plug the dike" in the lad's chest.

Daniel Coates, 19, is on the way to recovery through the action of Dr. Frederick R. Mautz and the emergency room crew of Lakeside hospital here.

The youth was brought into the hospital nearly two hours after being stabbed in the heart. He was suffering from what the doctors called a "sucking chest wound."

Through quick infusions of plasma and whole blood, Coates was brought out of shock. While this was going on, a call was put in for Dr. Mautz, heart surgery consultant on the hospital staff.

Mautz stuck his finger in the hole in his chest, momentarily stopping the bleeding. Next, a stitch of silk was put in to curb the blood flow from the heart.

Airplanes Drop Beavers Over New Idaho Homes

McCALL, IDAHO. — Residents here needn't have been alarmed recently. That wasn't an air borne invasion. It was just some Idaho beavers parachuting to new homes.

Flying beavers into higher elevations where they can help check erosion with their dam building was all right, but it was found that where a plane could land was often some distance from the best location for the beaver to take up housekeeping again.

So the game department started parachuting nature's first dam building experts.

The beavers drop out of the plane in a small box that opens automatically when it hits the ground. The parachute is opened when the beavers leave the plane.

The game department first began experimenting with parachuting beavers. The drop in the McCall area was made when it was found the method worked.

Oregon Figures Taxes With Aid of Aerial Photographs

SALEM, ORE. — Aerial photographers have taken pictures of nearly 60 per cent of the face of Oregon for a master picture index used in appraising the value of property for taxation.

The state tax commissioner, Wallace Wharton, said aerial photographs have been taken in every county except one since the division started compiling the master index in 1936.

Wharton explained that the index aids county assessors and field appraisers to judge the value of property.

The photographs are especially valuable in covering forest, farm and range areas because of their accuracy. The photographs also reveal improvements made on the land.

Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, Jan. 3.- Mr. and Mrs. Otho Wells and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Wells, all of Newport News and Mr and Mrs. Walter Wells and children spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb Wells,

Robert I. Coleman, Jr., has returned to the University of Alabama after spending New Year's holidays with his sister, Mrs. Malcolm Booker.

Miss Estelle Moore, of Roanoke, and Miss Riley Moore, of Lynchburg spent the holidays with Mr. Sam Moore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Brown, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown and family, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown were Christday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Spiggle.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Booker had as their guests Mr and Mrs. John Crafton, Miss Katty Christian of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Booker, of Elkhart, Ind.

Food Specialist Gives Tips On Cooking for Large Crowd

Chairmen of church suppers or bridge club dinners will find these tips on how to go about cooking for a crowd of considerable value.

Miss Frances Cook, foods and nutrition specialist at the University of Illinois college of agriculture, advises you to look the situation over before choosing a menu.

Start by looking over the kitchen facilities. How is the equipment? It may be that the refrigerator space is limited. Then don't have a gelatin salad or a refrigerator dessert. If there is only one oven, plan to do baking and roasting ahead of time.

When ready to select the menu, perhaps the best bet is a simple meal with just a few courses. A menu suggested by Miss Cook is: meat balls with tomato sauce, baked potatoes, buttered peas, and Waldorf salad. For dessert, you might have chocolate pie.

Once the menu has been decided upon, list the foods needed and the amount it will take. Then outline a working schedule—when to buy groceries, when to begin fixing the food.

Cook Pork Thoroughly

Out of every 100 hogs that go to market, at least one of them is capable of causing trichinosis among meat consumers, declares the American Veterinary Medical association. Thorough cooking of pork is the only home safeguard against this serious disease, since cooking destroys the worm parasites which cause it. Intestinal irritation, muscular pain, and fever are typical symptoms, although some people become infected without showing definite symptoms. Pet animals also are susceptible to trichinosis, the AVMA says, and therefore should not be fed uncooked pork.

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It takes only a brief glance at the future to see that our American system is more productive, more promising, more thrilling than any other the world has ever seen.
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